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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2002, applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims for the reasons set forth in the following remarks.

REMARKS:

The Examiner has made final the rejection of Claims 1, 3-7, 10-13 and 33-35 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for anticipation by Chen et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,707,962 ("Chen et al."). The Examiner has also made final the rejection of Claims 2, 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness over Chen et al.

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